

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS

Great Excitement, But the Goat Was Serene

WASHINGTON.—This is about a lawyer and a goat. Not the lawyer's goat, but a real Billy that belonged to a boy. All the lawyer had to do with it was to tell what happened to show the serenity of a goat when subjected to excitement. And as a serene goat isn't an everyday affair, here goes:

Scene, Massachusetts avenue as it enters Scott circle. Hour, about 9:15, when bankers, brokers, corporation lawyers and capitalists of early bird habits were whizzing downtown in their limousines, touring cars and what not—which means any vehicle above a street car—until they came to the goat.

He was on the wrong side of the street. And he wouldn't budge. The conveyance to which he was hitched—a box on wheels, 1914 model—was crowded with sections of six small boys whose legs were dangling outside. They urged and beseeched, cajoled, threatened and whacked, but the goat calmly chewed his gum and stayed put.

Call Him the Story Teller in Chief to the House

ONE funny story in one ten-minute speech, by all tradition, unwritten rules and precedent of the house of representatives, is amply sufficient. But since this administration has set its face against following precedent, Tom Hefflin, representative from Alabama and story teller in chief to the house, has started out loyally to upset tradition.

"A fellow had lost an eye, and he said to the surgeon, 'Doc, I have just na'erally got to have another eye, and I don't want any glass eye. I want a flesh eye.' The doctor replied, 'I can put a cat's eye in for you.' The man said, 'All right, just so I can see with it.'"

"So the surgeon very skillfully transplanted the cat's eye in the place of the one the man had lost. In about three months the surgeon saw his patient and said, 'Bill, how is your eye?' Bill replied, 'Well, Doc, it is all right, I guess. The only objection I have got to the darned thing is that it is always looking for crickets and mice.'"

"On one occasion a dyspeptic preacher went home with a member of his church for dinner. The good wife had prepared a feast fit for the gods. There was fried chicken, round, rober biscuits, red ham swimming in red gravy and the finest coffee that ever flowed from a spout. The good lady was just proud of what she had spread before the parson.

"Bud, the nine-year old son, with fork in hand, was just ready to do battle with the good things before him, when his mother said, 'Parson, won't you have some of the chickens?' To their surprise and the utter bewilderment of Bud, the parson replied, 'No; I never eat chicken.'"

"The good lady then asked, 'Parson, have a piece of ham.' But the parson answered, 'No, I dare not eat ham.' Bud dropped his fork.

"The good lady then said, 'Won't you have a biscuit?' and the parson replied, 'Did you use soda in the composition of those biscuits? Well, then, I cannot eat biscuits made with soda.'"

"Bud, in wide-eyed astonishment, looked at his mother and exclaimed, with anger and earnestness, 'Ma, maybe the darned old fool would suck a raw egg!'"

How a North Carolina Moonshiner Won His Case

REPRESENTATIVE E. W. POU of North Carolina tells a good one on himself. He says: "In my home county was a man by the name of Reaves, who was indicted for a violation of the revenue laws, and retained me to defend him. As he was regarded as a weak-minded man, the judges were disposed to be lenient, though the evidence was conclusive as to his guilt."

"I told Reaves that he must act as foolish as he could in order to help his case. So on the day the case was tried Reaves appeared in court—it was a roasting summer day—wearing a heavy overcoat buttoned up to his throat.

"When the court was opened by the marshal Reaves jumped up and made a spectacle of himself by calling out foolish statements. As the judge would have to take action, I rose and told the judge that he could see for himself that my client was not a responsible person; so the case was nolle prossed and Reaves told to go and sin no more.

"Several years later, when I was the prosecuting attorney, I found that Reaves had been up to his old tricks and was in court for trial on another violation of the revenue laws. When he took the stand I asked him the following questions:

"You have frequently been indicted for this offense?" "You ought to know," replied Reaves. "You were my lawyer."

"You were once indicted in the United States court, were you not?" I asked. "You ought to know that, too," replied Reaves. "I paid you a fee to get me off."

"Yes," I returned, "but did you not go in court and play the fool to get out of trouble?" "No, sir," said Reaves, quickly. "As for playing the fool, it was you, sir, did that!"

Why John Sharp Williams Never Joined the Army

SENATOR JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS was never in the Confederate army. But the fault is not his. He started with the best intentions, as well as with a knapsack filled with a good lunch. The war was at its height when he was a big boy of eleven, and as his father was in the army, and dozens of friends and relatives had gone forth to battle against the dreaded "Yank," John Sharp one night decided that his country called him to arms.

The fact that he was only eleven, and about the only road he knew was that to the candy shop, did not deter him. Out in the darkness of the night the "call" of his country sounded as loud as the dinner horn to hungry hands in the harvest field.

So young Williams arose and set forth down the road in the early dawn. And as he tramped down the lanes of dust, past the still farmhouses over which hung the early smoke from the kitchen chimney, he dreamed dreams of how he would come back on a prancing charger covered with glory, gore and gold lace. Then suddenly behind him he heard the loud of an approaching horseman. Looking back, he saw it was old Uncle Zeph on the blind mule. Uncle Zeph pulled up the mule with a jerk beside his young master.

"John, your maw says as how you better be gittin' back home in a hurry. She ain't er goin' ter stand for no seh gins on!" exploded Zeph. "You jest clim' up here 'hind me on dis mule and he'll tote us home ter breakfast!" So John climbed aboard the mule and turned his face homeward, leaving in the ashes of a dead past his high hopes of military glory.



THOMAS M. SULLIVAN. Able and Upright Democratic Leader in the Sanitary Board.

THE SENATORSHIP

James C. McShane, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, spoke Tuesday evening in St. Paul's hall, Twenty-second place and Hoyne avenue. During his speech he referred to the Colorado labor disturbance.

"The Colorado labor war, the Michigan and West Virginia strikes, and the frequency and magnitude of these, and similar occurrences, clearly indicate the existence of an alarming condition of social unrest throughout the country," he said. "The doubling of the socialist vote, within the last few years, also emphasizes this fact."

"There never was an effect without a cause, and I believe the principal cause of this social unrest is the great and growing inequality in the possession of wealth and opportunities and the unequal distribution of burdens among the people."

"It is the part of good statesmanship to search for and to remove the cause of this unrest as far as it is possible to do so, rather than to merely treat its symptoms."

"In my judgment the future peace and welfare of the country depend largely upon the enactment of laws that will tend to restore some sort of equality in these respects. Such laws need not be socialistic but rather an antidote for socialism."

One of the most popular railroad men in Chicago is Edward T. Campbell. Mr. Campbell has been made general traffic manager of the Erie Railroad Company, with offices in the Transportation Building. Announcement of his promotion was made with the approval of F. D. Underwood, president of the company.

Mr. Campbell enters his new duties in his twenty-fourth year of railway service. He was born in Lansingburgh, N. Y., his first experience in railroad work being in February, 1891, as a contracting freight agent for the Queen & Crescent route. From February to June, 1893, he was chief clerk of the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southeastern road, and from June, 1893, to June 1895, was secretary of the I. W. freight bureau.

In June, 1895, he was made chairman of the Southwestern Freight Bureau, serving until 1899, when he became purchasing agent for the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad. From 1902 to 1909 he was purchasing agent for the Erie, then was appointed traffic manager for the Erie in New York, being promoted from the latter to general traffic manager to-day.

The Republicans have added another to the field of candidates for nomination in the United States senatorial race.

Carl C. Countryman of Buda, Henry county, has announced his candidacy and accompanied it with a challenge to William Lorimer to join him in a joint debate over the state whether Lorimer is a senatorial candidate or not.

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MUNICIPAL NEWS Some Items of Interest From the Public Offices About Occurrences of the Week.

The City Council on Monday night transacted the following business:

Mayor Harrison appoints "permanent charter commission."

Rule reintroduced prohibiting aldermen from job seeking.

Plan presented to permit bridewell prisoners to pay fines by installments.

Ordinance prohibiting sale of cigars sent to license committee.

Ordinance repealing boulevard link ordinance placed on file.

Opinion asked whether board of supervising engineers can be ousted.

Three more contests filed against aldermen shown elected on April 7.

Municipal markets and lake shore reclamation commission reappointed.

Governor Dunne has again shown good political judgment.

Edmund K. Jarecki, lawyer and former alderman of the Sixteenth ward, who was appointed Monday to the Municipal Court bench to succeed Frederick L. Fake, resigned, was sworn in.

Jarecki will enter upon the duties of the office today. He is 35 years old, was born in Poland, is married and

has two children. He lives at 1956 Armitage avenue.

Chicago now has a "permanent charter commission." At the city council meeting Monday night Mayor Harrison appointed the body of fifteen aldermen and fifteen other citizens which had been urged by a special committee of the last council as the best means of promoting charter power legislation.

Ald. Henry D. Captain was made chairman.

The Irish Fair, under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies' Auxiliary, will open on May 9, and continue to May 18, 1914, at the Auditorium Hotel, Michigan avenue and Congress street.

Your cooperation is respectfully requested. The Fair is being held for a worthy cause, namely, to help raise funds for the payment of the debt on the Emmet Memorial Building, the headquarters of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of kindred societies.

Is the Superintendent of the South Side State Employment Bureau ever in his office?

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